

Jennifer Roy

From: Joan Rivard <joanmrivard@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 6:33 PM
To: Jennifer Roy
Subject: Four Town Fair Issue

I have lived in Somers since 1967. During those years my children entered projects and food into contests at the Fair. We all enjoyed going there to see friends, watch the animals, work at booths, enjoy the music, and generally enjoy every part of the Fair. It is part of the good things about our town. I support keeping the Fair and letting them rent space for events to help pay their expenses. I believe that the members of the Fair committee have a time limit and other rules for controlling these events. I support voting to let the Fair continue as it is.

Joan M. Rivard 860-749-5115 74 Maple Ridge Dr., Somers, Ct.

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Joan

Jennifer Roy

From: ann logan <alogan1130@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2021 3:27 PM
To: Jennifer Roy
Subject: Union Agricultural Society of Somers, Ellington, Enfield and East Windsor
Attachments: zba submissions 02.09.2021 - 1.docx; zba statements 02.09.21 - 2.docx

Jen:

The attached statements from individual Union Agricultural Society Directors, volunteers and/or contractors is being submitted as evidence to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Society is requesting that all comments be read directly into the record on the evening of Tuesday, February 09, 2021 the date set for a Public Hearing of a complaint filed by residents of the Sunshine Farms Subdivision.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

**Union Agricultural Society
Somers, Ellington, East Windsor, Enfield**

**Testimony in Support of the Zoning Enforcement Officer
'Special Use Permit Not Required by the Union Agricultural Society'
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Gary Bartholomew, Director of Fair Assoc. - Enfield

The Four Town Fair has been in existence since 1838. Since the purchase of the property in 1960, the Four Town Fair has been held annually and additional activities have been conducted on the grounds throughout the years continuously. In all that time, no complaint for either traffic, noise or obnoxious activities has ever been filed with the Association, the Town of Somers or with the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Joseph Bosco, Director of Fair Assoc. – Enfield

The Fair Association has conducted several 'mud bog' events. The construction of the area utilized for this activity was permitted by the Town, in compliance with regulations, inspected and approved by Town of Somers staffing with review by boards/commissions. The location of the 'mud bog' is the Southern most area directly next to the Leveille Auto Recycling facility. The area is located at the farthest point from any residential dwellings.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Jay Rich, Vice President Fair Assoc – Ellington

Residents of an abutting subdivision have classified the 'mud bog' event as a 'Monster Truck' competition. The dimension of 'mud bog' tires, is generally 33" x 35"/37" wide. Monster Truck tires are almost double that size 66" x 43" wide. Absolutely no vehicle with the tire dimensions of a monster truck participated in the Fair Grounds Mud Bog.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Julie Haughn, Secretary of Fair Assoc

As quoted from a current long-standing knowledgeable Zoning Commission member: The use of the fairgrounds is categorized as a pre-existing non-conforming use as it has been going on since prior to any Zoning regulations. The use of the grounds started before regulations were created.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Marie Letellier, Fair Assoc Director – East Windsor

The Association supports and promotes agriculture within the community, educating youth of past and present agricultural practices and service to the community. The Assoc supported the use of the grounds for fund raising events by local organizations, family reunions, agricultural events such as the 4-H Fair, Ct Dairy Goat Assoc., and recently a Regional Farmers Market.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Tracey Rich, Fair Assoc Director – Ellington

Zoning Regulation 214.42 E-Exemptions: Noise created by any recreational activities which are sanctioned by the Town, including but not limited to sporting events, concerts, fireworks and local public celebrations. All Fairground activities, outside of the Annual Fall Fair, are submitted, reviewed and filtered through Town staffing, required permits obtained if necessary including Mass Gathering, and inspections conducted as necessary

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Donnie Slanetz, Fair Assoc Director – Enfield

Neighboring individuals stated the existence of noise level issues during 'Mud Bog' events. To the knowledge of the Association, no noise level measurements have been determined by a trained individual in the techniques of sound measuring equipment and instrumentation as stated in the current Zoning Regulations. The neighboring properties have no 'direct' sightline between private property lines and the Southern most edge of the fairgrounds next to Leveille Auto Recycling where the 'Mud Bogs' are conducted.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Erin Riddle, Fair Assoc Treasurer

Outside activities conducted on the fairgrounds help to sustain and off-set costs associated with preparations of the annual Four Town Fair. Operational costs just to maintain the property, repair or replace structures, pay for insurance, electric, water, and repairs to equipment amounts to thousands of dollars. Without the Fair in 2020, and costs associated with legal representation on a complaint from neighboring property owners, outside ground rentals are essential to the continuance of the Four Town Fair.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Kim Gambacorta, Fair Assoc Director - Ellington

The Four Town Fair Assoc initially received correspondence from the Town of Somers stating a Special Use Permit would be required for additional activities and events conducted on the fairgrounds, outside of the annual Four Town Fair. The President complied immediately with an application to the Town. At a Zoning Commission meeting held on July 06, 2020, the President was notified that based on documentation and signed affidavits, the use of the property at 56 Egypt Road dates back to the early 50's and 60's and is a legal non-conforming use; therefore, no Special Use Permit is needed and the Application is withdrawn.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Alexis Kozikowski, Fair Assoc Director – Enfield

Janice Steinmetz, Secretary of the Fair Assoc, cautioned both the Town and the developers at a Planning Comm meeting held on April 09, 1987 that the potential noise from the various events at the Fairgrounds, as well as additional traffic, should be taken into account when deciding the approval of the proposed subdivision now known as Sunshine Farms. J.Steinmetz suggested the developer notate the fairgrounds on the subdivision plans so that activities are known at time of sale. On August 27, 1987, Atty Barbieri stated a disclosure provision of

the subdivision could be added in order to make sure all potential future owners know of the potential nuisance factors.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Thomas Kozikowski, Fair Assoc Director – Enfield

On September 10, 1987, then Planning Comm Consulting Engineer Mr. Merv Strauss emphasized the absolute need for significant planting sizes on the mound/berm be installed along the boundaries of the Four Town Fair grounds and individual subdivision lots. On January 14, 1988, Mr. Strauss discussed the planting plan with the developer and each agreed the interval of evergreen trees would be reduced from 12' to 8' in order to minimize and screen activities held on the fairgrounds. The trees were planted on the individual subdivision lots of Sunshine Farms and not on fairground property.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Angie Sandberg, Fair Assoc Director – Ellington

Zoning Regulation 214-4 Definitions: Buffer Area – a strip of land densely planted with shrubs and/or trees that will form a year-round screening.

Zoning Regulation 214.47 –

A. Landscaping trees, screening plants required by Zoning Regulations shall be planted in a growing condition and shall be maintained in a healthy growing condition. Any landscaping/screening which does not fulfill the intent shall be replaced by the property owner

B. A screening fence or wall shall be maintained by the property owner throughout the period of use of the property. The actual berm/screening fence between the Sunshine Farms Subdivision and the Fairgrounds is on the individual private property owners of the subdivision.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Skip Thompson, Fair Assoc Director – Somers

Mr. Merv Strauss, Consulting Engineer for the Town of Somers at a Planning Comm meeting on January 14, 1988, recommended a label be placed on the subdivision plans advising future buyers of the presence of the Four Town Fair grounds which generates activities, noise and bright lights periodically. The developer of Sunshine Farms, Mr. Nassua objected to the notion that the subdivision would be encumbered with 'caveats' that might tend to exaggerate the impact of the Fair to prospective buyers.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

George Parkhurst, Fair Assoc Director – Somers

The subdivision now known as Sunshine Farms was approved by the Planning Commission in 1988. The roadways within the subdivision are Sunshine Farms, Little Sorrel Lane and Country Fair Drive. The current owners along these roadways purchased properties in the following years: 1990-1; 1991-1; 1992-3; 1993-1; 1994-1; 1995-0; 1996-3; 1997-1; 1998-1; 1999-0; 2000+--15. The majority of current property owners purchased their homes approximately 12 years after the subdivision approval and more than 40 years from the time the Four Town Fair purchased the property on Egypt Road.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Claire Rich, Fair Assoc Director – Ellington

Zoning Regulations 2.14.3 Definition: Accessory Use – A use of land or of all or portion of building or structure which is subordinate to the principal use of the land, building, structure which is located on the same lot as the principal use or on a contiguous lot under the same ownership. The primary usage of the grounds is the Annual Four Town Fair held in September. The usage of the grounds for events or activities is secondary to the primary usage which is the annual Fair. The grounds at 56 Egypt Road is contiguous and has been owned by the same organization since 1960.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Janice Schaeffer, Fair Assoc Director – Ellington

As stated by a current Zoning Comm member is good standing, over the years the Fair Assoc has hosted many events both agricultural and not. The Fair is not requesting to hold 'for profit' events. The Assoc came to the Zoning Comm because they were not sure if there was a limit to who could sell liquor at events at the Fair. There exists portable liquor permits (like a caterer) issued through the state and not town to sell beer. Over the years, one event caused havoc and has not been allowed back on the fairgrounds. The Assoc attempts to insure minimal, if any, disturbances happen on the grounds which would jeopardize the surrounding neighborhood.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Discenza, Fair Assoc Director – Ellington

The fairgrounds have a long standing history of conducting events on the grounds. A lifelong resident recalls attending a Circus in 1966, an Antique Engine Club display, Dooble Bug events, Horse Shows, a Rodeo, Chili Fest, a Pow Wow 4-H Fair and a local Snow Mobile Club event. The Fair also hosted a Somers Hike-Bike for the support of the Greater Enfield Assoc for Retarded and Handicapped Citizens which ran concurrently in Enfield, Somers and South Windsor from approximately 1978 – 1982.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Joseph Smith, Fair Assoc Director – Enfield

The Town of Somers, its elected officials, town residents and board/commission members were fully aware of additional activities, outside of the annual Four Town Fair, being held on the Fairgrounds. In a letter dated May 31, 1984, the First Selectman Mr. Steven Kominski thanked the Fair Association for the four (4) day extensive usage of the grounds to commemorate the Somers' Anniversary celebration. The Fair Assoc is community minded and is willing and ready to assist the residents of Somers and associated towns.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

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Janice Steinmetz, Fair Assoc Director-Secretary – Somers

I have served as the Secretary of the Fair Assoc for numerous years and can unequivocally state the fair grounds have either been rented or the Assoc has granted usage for community events, agricultural events, fund raising events, military exhibitions, and craft fairs. I personally attended Planning Comm meetings during the approval process of Sunshine Farms Subdivision in 1988 stating the developer should notify prospective property owners of the fairgrounds and its long existing activities. The request for notification was denied by the developer.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Bob Sandberg, Fair Assoc Director – Ellington

James Taylor, former Somers ZEO in the 90's with 40 yrs experience in land use admin, 30 yrs as a certified ZEO, Planning Comm chairman for 17 yrs, and resident for 49 yrs; presented a signed affidavit stating that during his tenure the Fair Assoc was never required to seek and obtain a zoning permit, special permit or any other zoning comm approval in order to conduct various uses referenced on the property. He further stated he was aware of the use of the property at 56 Egypt Road for various events.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

John Streiber, Four Town Fair Grounds Election – Ellington

Patrice Carson, former Somers Planner from 1987 – 2009 presented a signed affidavit stating her associated professional affiliations, her working relationship with the Zoning Comm and ZEO regarding zoning matters and personal knowledge of the activities at 56 Egypt Road. It was her professional opinion and belief that the uses of the property were legally permitted non-conforming and such, would not require a zoning permit, special permit or other Zoning Comm approval.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Jennifer Roy

From: Anthony Partridge <boyzdadx2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 4:35 PM
To: Jennifer Roy
Subject: Fw: e-mail to ZEO of Somers Ct
Attachments: winmail.dat

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From: Gary Bartholomew <gary@bartholomewelectric.com>
To: boyzdadx2@yahoo.com <boyzdadx2@yahoo.com>
Cc: George Van Tassel (g4v9t@cox.net) <g4v9t@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021, 03:09:47 PM EST
Subject: e-mail to ZEO of Somers Ct

This is an example of something you could use.

To the ZEO of Somers Ct.

I have participated and helped organize the mud bog events at the Four Town Fair. My vehicle is called the Little Bug and appeared in a video documentation presented by the group going against the Four Town Fair. My vehicle is not a monster truck as stated in this video. This video does not correctly characterize the vehicles that enter the Four Town Fair mud bog events. The majority of the vehicles that enter are registered for highway use vehicles. There are a few that are designed for the mud. Please except this e-mail for my approval of the Town of Somers ZEO and town attorney approval of the Four Town to operate as they been doing for years.

Thank You
Tony Partridge
Mud Bog Events volunteer

Add or delete what you feel you need. Rewrite this from your e-mail address.

Kind Regards,

Gary

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Jennifer Roy

From: Paul Wollenberg <paulwollenberg59@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2021 6:25 PM
To: Jennifer Roy
Cc: four.town.fair@snet.net
Subject: Four Town Fair

Zoning Enforcement Official,

February, 5, 2021

I am writing to show my support for the Four Town Fair.

This is the oldest agricultural fair in Connecticut, established in 1838. The Union Agricultural Society was able to purchase land in 1960 for a permanent home instead of moving the fair from town to town each year.

The Society is in compliance with the Town of Somers, including all regulations . It would be a shame to see such an asset to the town, as well as the state of CT be lost. This is such a wonderful event for the community as well as all the other events that are held at this facility.

Please enter this into the record for the meeting on February 9, 2021

Sincerely,
Paul Wollenberg
Vice President Hartford County Farm Bureau

Jennifer Roy

From: Jack O'Brien <jjob3359@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 06, 2021 10:59 AM
To: Jennifer Roy
Subject: Four Town Fairgrounds

My name is Jack OBrien and I have lived in Somers for nearly 50 years. I have chaired the Board of Education, served as Selectman, was a past member of the Special Projects Committee, former president of Somers Lions Club and Grand Knight of the All Saints Knights of Columbus.

I understand there is an effort to close or restrict the traditional uses of the Fairgrounds and want to emphatically state my strong objection to any such effort. The Four Town Fair is a longstanding institution in Somers and a beloved annual event. It not only enables folks of all ages to renew friendships but also represents opportunities for the Fire Dept., community/service clubs (Lions, Rotary etc.) political organizations and others to earn revenues which eventually comes back to the townspeople in the form of generous financial contributions. It also helps high school classes (dunking booth etc) fund important functions such as "safe graduation" parties et. al. The horse shows craft and various farm and agricultural competitions, entertainment carnival and food booths all contribute to make this one of the best and longest fairs in the state- if not the country. The fairgrounds also host a variety of concerts, 4-H and other events throughout the year and are extremely important to each participant. If noise is a problem there has to be room for satisfactory negotiation as opposed to eliminating a wonderful history which predates the complaints of people newer to the area!

Jennifer Roy

From: Steven Krasinski <spkjr@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 06, 2021 4:46 PM
To: Jennifer Roy
Cc: g4v9t@cox.net
Subject: Four Town Fair Letter of Support
Attachments: Letter on Four Town Fair 2021.docx

Importance: High

TO; Somers Zoning

I am submitting the attached letter identifying, my recollection of the history of events held at the Four Town Fair property on Egypt Rd.

I also support the continue use of this property, as it has been used since its inception.

Please verify receipt of this mail

Steve Krasinski

TO; Four Town Fair Committee and Somers Zoning

DATE; February 6, 2021

FROM; Steve Krasinski

55 Wells Road

Somers Ct. 06071

SUBJECT; Events at the Four Town Fair Property on Egypt Road

Most of my 84 years I have lived in Somers and have witnessed many Four Town Fairs at the property on Egypt Road. During these years, I was a Somers Selectman from 1973 to 1985 and witnessed many other events at the Fair site, that were beneficial to the surrounding townships. The property had a yearly Fair, but also scheduled other events during the summer to make beneficial use of the property for organizations of the surrounding towns. The events I remember were;

1. Annual campout of the Vernon Vanners, a family mobile home and tent camping event
2. Annual Hartford County 4H Fair to benefit the youth who were interested in farming
3. Native Indian Pow Wow which displayed the life and customs of our regions early inhabitants
4. New England Rock Fest, which drew 2000 to 3000 participants
5. The weekend Blue grass Festivals
6. Horse Shows

The property with its ample parking, electrical, water and toilet facilities, display area, and out- building use, makes it a unique facility that is not available in any other town. This facility should not be lost. This facility, with its Fair and other events were there and operational prior to the housing that was developed on the adjoining property.

As a Selectmen, I supported the use of this unique facility and through the years me and my family have attended events at the Fair Grounds. I recommend the continue use of this facility as it has been used since its inception.

Respectfully yours

Stephen Krasinski

Jennifer Roy

From: Richard Gutt <rgutt15133@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, February 08, 2021 10:42 AM
To: Jennifer Roy
Subject: Fourtown fair

I'm a hartford county farm bureau board director. I support the existing use of the fair grounds. These neighbors should have weighed these issues before they bought the property!

Jennifer Roy

From: ann logan <alogan1130@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2021 8:56 PM
To: Jennifer Roy
Subject: ZBA Comments from Directors-Superintendents for Mtg
Attachments: zba submissions #3.docx

Jen:

Please find attached additional comments from either Directors or Superintendents of the Four Town Fair Assoc. Please have them read directly into the record at the February 09, 2021 ZBA meeting.

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Ellie Discenza, Superintendent Cattle

Video Exhibit of 1987 Boogie Bash – The video is a **pre-subdivision** event. The Sunshine Farms Subdivision was not approved by the Planning Commission until early 1988 and the first home not built until the beginning of 1990. Therefore, the exhibit does not depict actual events or activities conducted after the subdivision was built and homes purchased.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Terry Spielman, Superintendent Swine

Video Exhibit of Old Black Chevy at Mud Bog – The video is illustrating the 'mud lane' preparation. The video of the black truck going through the mud pit was run to test and stir the mud. The truck is designed for use in a mud pit and not for professional competition such as driving over and crushing cars. The video did not indicate there was no competition being held – strictly preparation and promotion.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

George Parkhurst – Mud Bog Superintendent

A **monster truck** is a specialized truck with a heavy duty suspension, four-wheel steering, and oversized tires constructed for competition and entertainment uses. A competition **monster truck** is typically 12' tall, and equipped with 66" off-road tires compared to a 'mud bog' truck at 7' tall and 44" tires

No monster truck has participated in a fair mud bog. The majority of trucks participating are personal vehicles which are registered and driven on public roads. The only competition is to make it through the mud. The truck shown is also not a monster truck, it is a truck designed for use in a mud pit and not for professional competition such as driving over and crushing cars.

I agree with the decision of the Town of Somers Zoning Enforcement Officer as supported and collaborated with the Town of Somers Town Attorney. Thank you for your consideration.

Jennifer Roy

From: P Anderson <thehofamily89@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2021 4:09 PM
To: Jennifer Roy
Subject: Four Town Fair Grounds

Feel free to read this into the record at the February 9 2021 meeting
This may be a Somers issue, but it affects Four Towns.

Since the Fair Grounds have been there so long and the activities in question have been on going for many years, I fail to see the validity of complaints by those that moved in near such a situation. Th onus is on those coming int to town to find out what's happening near the location where they are considering living.

The existing entities and their activities should NEVER be questioned if there were there first!

I would deny any interference with the Four Town Fair Grounds.

from:

Paul Anderson
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Jennifer Roy

From: Chris Folan <cdtfln@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2021 11:21 AM
To: Jennifer Roy
Subject: ZEO Meeting Four Town Fair

Jennifer Roy, CZEO Zoning Enforcement Officer/Land Use Technician
Town of Somers CT
Phone: 860-763-8220

Good Day. Please read this into zoning appeal meeting record scheduled for 2/9/21.

My name is Donna Folan. I have been a resident of Somers for approximately 30 years. I live on Country Fair Drive.

The Four Town Fair and the 4H Fair have been, for the most part, good neighbors. A few incidents have occurred over the years, but not enough to warrant closing it down as the press and some ill-advised constituents have alluded to. We do NOT wish to stop the Four Town Fair or 4H Fair.

Many zoning issues in the past have shown favoritism to certain residents, certain office holders and certain political affiliations. I understand that one Four Town Fair member has been denied the use of his own property to hold these events, so he is pushing his agenda and his own self-interests to hold them at the fairgrounds. Why here? Why not Pleasant View or Sonny's Place?

Special permits MUST be kept and limited to agricultural based events as stated in the regulations.

Other limits for such activities MUST include 7pm stop time. The area MUST be policed, the neighborhood MUST be cleared of debris after the event and alcohol MUST be limited to one singular enclosed area (beer tent). There also MUST be a limit to how many events are actually held. Say one per month during summer season only. These all MUST be enforced to keep our neighborhood as peaceful as any of your neighborhoods.

The accusations that the fairground has been around a lot longer than our neighborhood and we shouldn't have moved here if it was a problem. Well, it hasn't really been a problem until the ZEO decided to change the rules to the Fair Boards advantage without regard to the surroundings.

We are just asking that you help our neighborhood have some peace and quiet.

Thank You

Donna Folan

7 Country Fair Drive

Somers CT

Jennifer Roy

From: Becky Jones <jonesapiariesct@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 07, 2021 11:20 AM
To: Jennifer Roy
Cc: four.town.fair@snet.net
Subject: In support of the Society of the Four Town Fair

Dear Zoning Officer,

My name is Ted Jones, I am on the Board of Directors for Hartford County Farm Bureau. I am writing this letter in support of the Society of the Four Town Fair founded 1863, which is the oldest agricultural fair in the state.

They purchased the land on 56 Egypt Rd in 1963 for a permanent location to hold the Four Town Fair. The Society holds other events for family and civic groups to support the operation of the Society.

The Society has been a strong asset in the support of the surrounding farmers, the environment, the community and the education of the public on farming and where our food comes from.

The Society also is a long term supporter of 4H. This is where our future farmers come from. 4H also teaches land stewardship, caring for the environment and being active in the local town government for the betterment of all citizens.

I hope that you will take into consideration all the good that The Society of the Four Town Fair does for not only Somers, but for the wider community, the environment and the betterment of the local citizen.

Thank for your time
Ted Jones
Jones' Apiaries, LLC
PH 860- 677-9391

Jennifer Roy

From: ann logan <alogan1130@outlook.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 06, 2021 6:55 PM
To: Jennifer Roy
Subject: ZBA Statement Submission for the Record 02.09.2021

John Streiber Fair Electrician Lead

To whom it may concern, I grew up in the area , I have been attending this fair since I was a teenager over 40 years ago, I've also attended many other events at the fairgrounds. Annually our children, my wife and I have looked forward to attending the fair as we enjoy the close relationships that we have with many other people that we've known throughout the years. Currently I am the lead electrician for the fairgrounds we have approximately 6 electricians who give untold amounts of hours in volunteer time for nothing in return, they practice their trade so that the community can enjoy their time at the fairgrounds, the friendships created while volunteering at the fairgrounds go without saying, Additionally as a firefighter and an EMT I am a member of an international group of motorcyclists known as the Red Knights, the fairgrounds has been gracious to let us use the property for an annual picnic that lasts 5 hours, involves about 20 -30 motorcycles and gives us a place to meet to enjoy a hot dog hamburger and gather. The four town fair Association asks little of everyone, the community the motorcyclists the people who rent the fairgrounds that help pay for their overhead, in return it is imperative that the Four Town fair Association be allowed to continue business as usual so that the greater community in the area may continue to enjoy the social benefits that the Four Town fair Association provides .

Thank you
John Streiber



College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources
Department of Extension



February 4, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

Since 1985, the Four Town Fairgrounds has been home to the youth-led Hartford County 4-H Fair. On the Four Town Fairgrounds, thousands of youth have exhibited projects, received feedback and learned "by doing". In addition, the annual team of youth officers have developed their leadership skills while planning and implementing the annual Hartford County 4-H Fair.

I am in opposition to the appeal filed by the neighbors of the Four Town Fairgrounds against the Somers Zoning Officer's decision. I support the use of the fairgrounds for the Four Town Fair and Hartford County 4-H Fair along with off-season rentals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jen Cushman".

Jen Cushman
UConn Hartford County 4-H Extension Educator
Hartford County 4-H Alum
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